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SOMETHING is KILLING the CHILDREN™

THIS SUCKS.

THIS IS COLD AND IT SUCKS AND...

OH...

OH SHIT...

NO.

NO!

I DON'T KNOW WHY SHE BROUGHT YOU. SUCH A WEAK LITTLE THING...

WHAT...?

YOU SHOULD RUN BACK HOME. THIS IS NOT A JOB FOR SCARED CHILDREN.

THESE CREATURES *EAT* SCARED CHILDREN.

I'M...I'M NOT *AFRAID!* AND YOU'RE... YOU'RE NOT REAL.

YES, THAT'S RIGHT. I'M NOT REAL. THIS IS ALL A NIGHTMARE. A NIGHTMARE THAT GUTTED YOUR FRIENDS. IT'S EASIER TO THINK THAT WAY, YES?

SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO FACE THAT YOU LED THEM DOWN INTO THE DARK WOODS LATE AT NIGHT, TO THEIR DEATHS.

SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO FACE THAT IT WAS *YOUR* FAULT.

IT... I DIDN'T MEAN...HOW COULD I HAVE STOPPED IT...

SO HELPLESS... AND NOW YOU'VE DONE IT AGAIN. LED ERICA TO HER DEATH, AND THEN MAYBE IT'LL COME AND GOBBLE YOU UP, TOO.

AND YOU WON'T HAVE TO LIVE WITH YOURSELF ANYMORE.

THAT'S NOT WHAT I WANT!

THEN *DO* SOMETHING ABOUT IT.

YOU HAVE THE WEAPONS SHE DOESN'T. YOU HAVE THE MEANS TO HELP.

IF YOU DON'T WANT ERICA TO DIE, NOW IS THE TIME TO *ACT.*

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OKAY.

I'M NOT JOKING. YOU NEED TO DROP THAT THING *RIGHT NOW.*

WALK TOWARDS ME. SLOWLY.

I'M HOLDING A *GUN.*

I SEE THAT. I KNOW WHAT YOU *THINK* IS HAPPENING, BUT IT IS *NOT* WHAT'S HAPPENING.

I DON'T WANT YOU TO GET HURT.

YOU'RE *THREATENING* ME?! IS THIS SUPPOSED TO BE SOME KIND OF JOKE?

KEE-ROGH

SHIT.

VROOM

VRRRRRRRR

ARE YOU *CRAZY?!*

I TOLD YOU TO DROP THAT CHAINSAW!

RRR RRRR...

TOMMY, GET THE *FUCK* OUT OF MY WAY.

RRRRRRR

SLSHH

SLRRK

WHAT THE--

REEARGH

URKKK

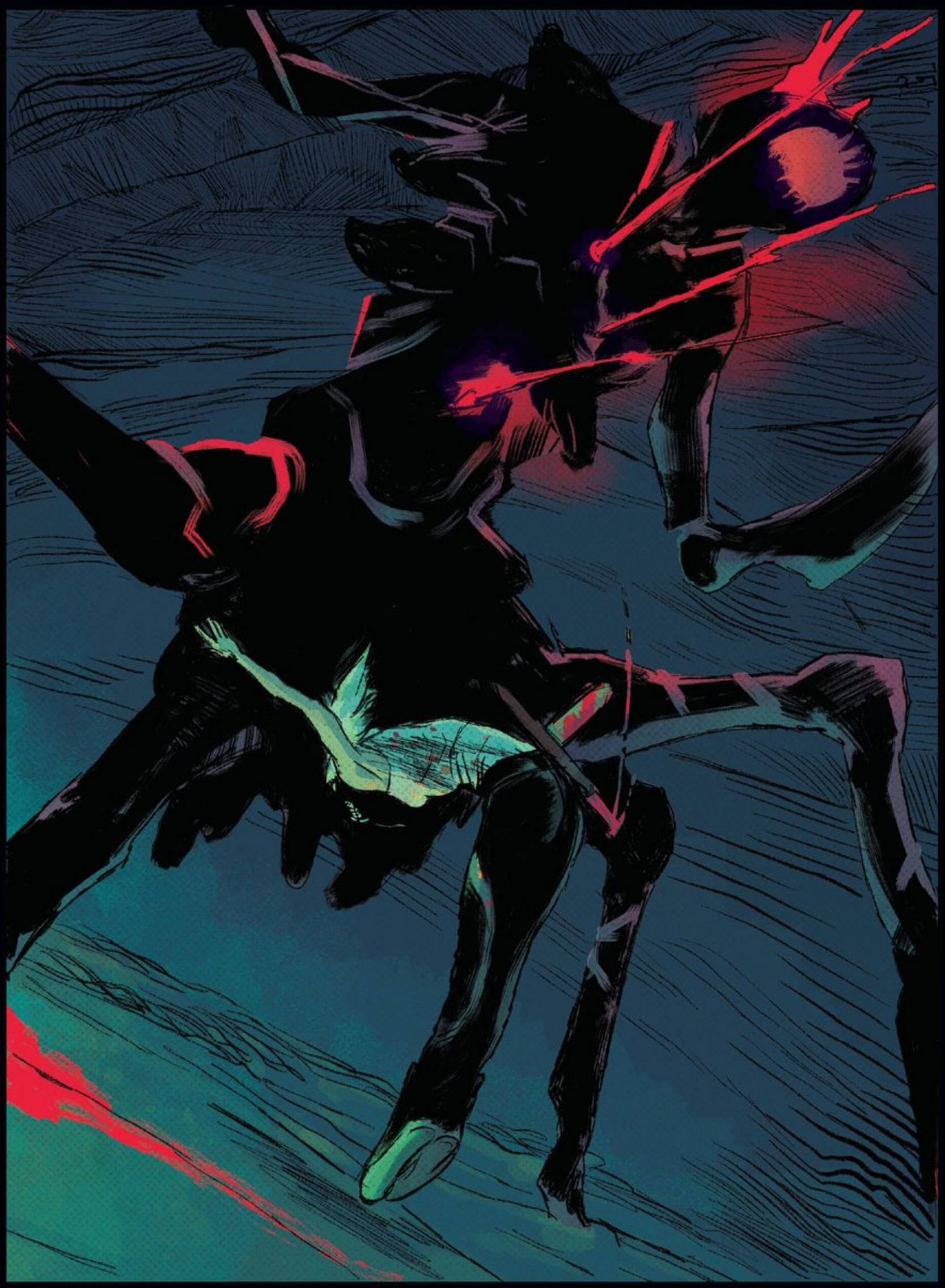
SHRPP

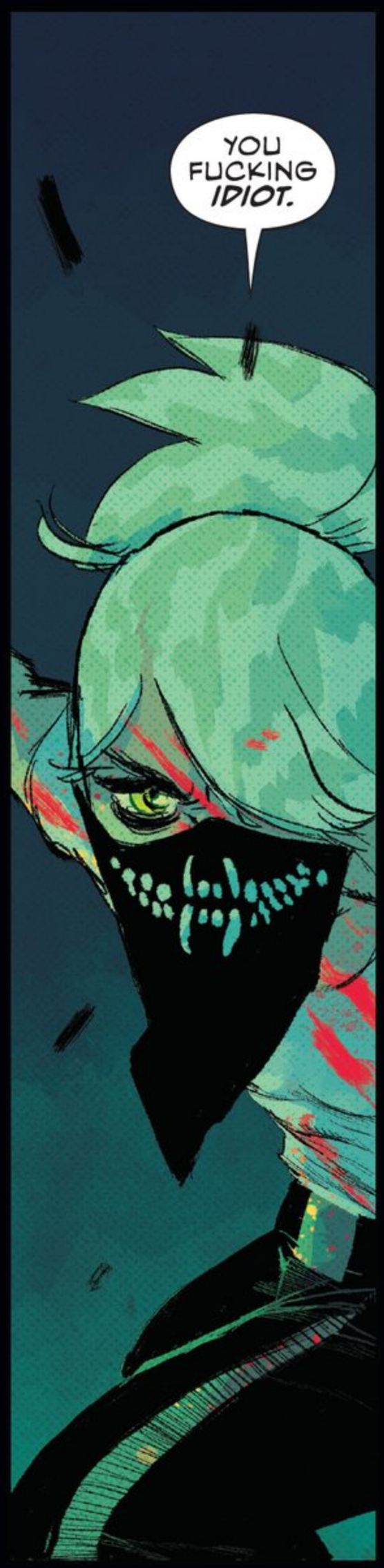
THIS...THIS IS SOME KIND OF TRICK!

NO. IT'S NOT.

YOU KILLED MY SISTER!

BLAM




YOU FUCKING IDIOT.

YOU JUST MADE IT ANGRY! YOU'RE GOING TO KILL US BOTH!

THERE'S NOTHING THERE! THERE'S NOTHING HERE BUT YOU AND ME!

KRAK

BLAM

I JUST... WANTED TO HELP...

I'VE BEEN SHOT.

NO!

I DIDN'T... I DIDN'T MEAN...

THOK

SNNFF

OH, WOW. IT HURTS...SO MUCH...

TUNK

I NEED YOUR JACKET. TRY NOT TO SCREAM.

...HUH...?

I KNOW YOU'RE IN A LOT OF PAIN RIGHT NOW, BUT I NEED YOU TO STAY QUIET. IF YOU STAY QUIET, I CAN KEEP YOU ALIVE.

O... OKAY.

IT'S BLIND, BUT IT CAN SMELL HIM. DAMMIT.

I CAN'T...

CAN'T... BREATHE...

YOU CAN BREATHE. YOU'VE JUST BEEN WINDED.

HOW DID YOU--

TOMMY. LISTEN. THIS BOY IS GOING TO DIE IF YOU DON'T STOP FUCKING EVERYTHING UP.

DO YOU UNDERSTAND?

NO, I DON'T FUCKING UNDERSTAND!

SHUT UP. YOU NEED TO ***SHUT*** UP.

IS SOMEBODY... IS SOMEBODY THERE?

IT TOOK ME...

IT ATE MY SISTER. IT ATE SO MANY OF THEM...

WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

I'M...I'M BIAN.

BIAN? THERE WASN'T A BIAN ON MY LIST...

I'M...I'M SORRY.

NO, DON'T BE SORRY. ARE YOU OKAY? HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN IN HERE?

A LONG TIME...A LONG, LONG TIME.

SOPHIE...

OH GOD, SOPHIE...

I'M SORRY, I'M SO SORRY...

TOMMY. WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF TIME.

I'M GOING TO NEED TO DO SOMETHING NOW.

IT'S GOING TO HURT LIKE HELL, BUT IT'S THE ONLY WAY WE'RE GOING TO GET THROUGH THIS.

WHAT IS ALL OF THIS...?

THIS IS A ONE-WAY DOOR, BUT I DON'T THINK ANY OF US ARE GOING TO BE ALIVE FOR LONG IF I DON'T GO THROUGH IT.

THE FUCK IS THAT?

IT'S ***HORDE GOLD*** FROM THE ***HOUSE OF SLAUGHTER.***

I NEED YOU TO SEE.

WHAT ARE YOU--

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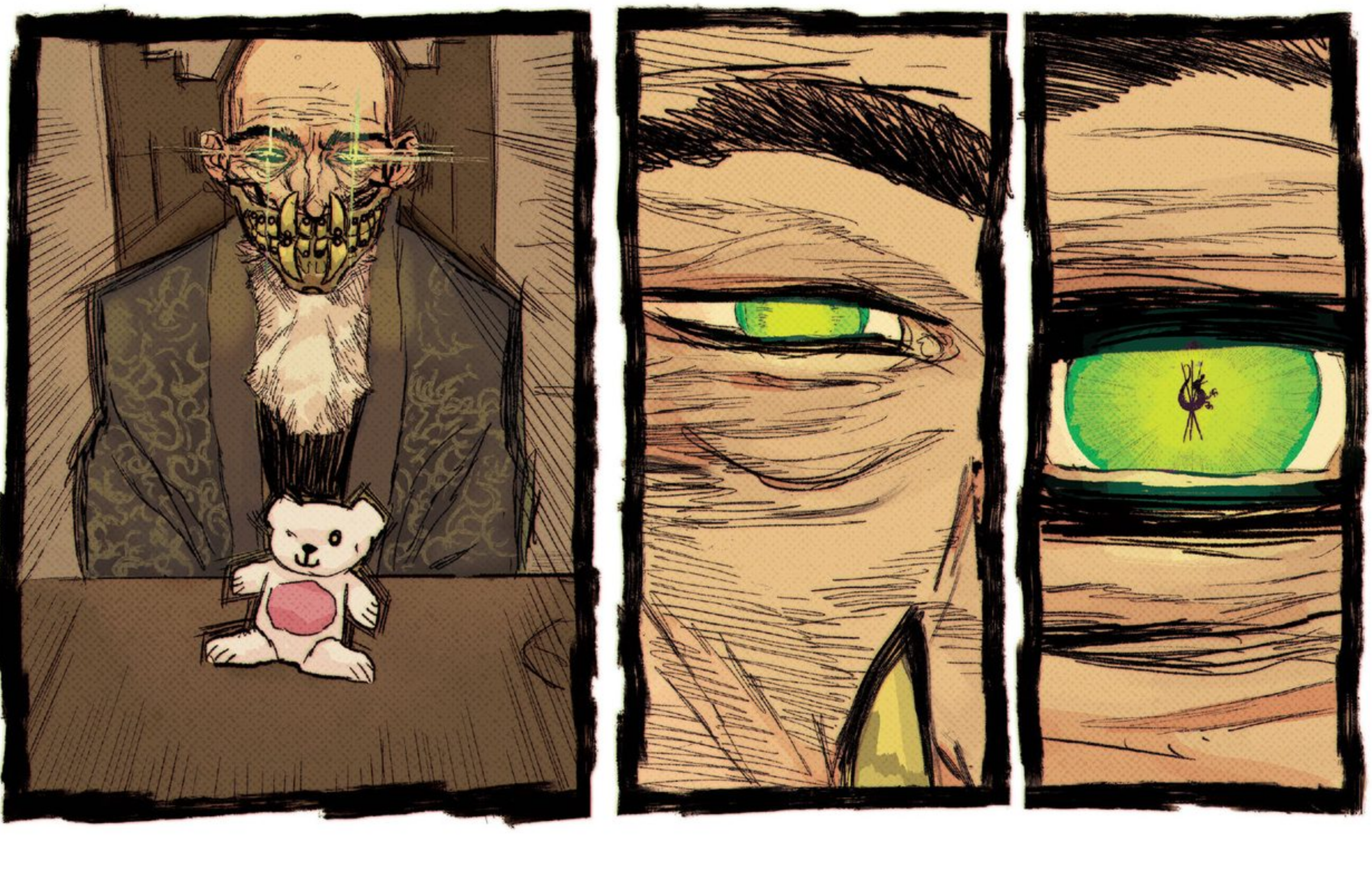
WHAT DID YOU...?

YOU JUST STABBED ME IN THE FUCKING HEAD!

I'M SORRY.



IS THAT...

IS THAT WHAT YOU'VE BEEN FIGHTING?

YOU FUCKED MY HEAD UP. THIS ISN'T REAL...

IT'S REAL. CAN YOU GET ON YOUR FEET?

I...I THINK.

I NEED YOU TO CARRY JAMES AND BIAN. ARE YOU STRONG ENOUGH TO DO THAT? CAN YOU GET THEM OUT OF HERE ALIVE?

YES.

SOPHIE...

IF I PULL THIS OFF, WE CAN GET ALL THE BODIES OUT. I PROMISE. OKAY?

OKAY.

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?

I'M GOING TO KILL IT.

I DON'T WANT TO DIE...I DON'T WANT TO DIE...

IT'S...IT'S OKAY.

OKAY.

NO ONE ELSE IS GOING TO DIE. I PROMISE.

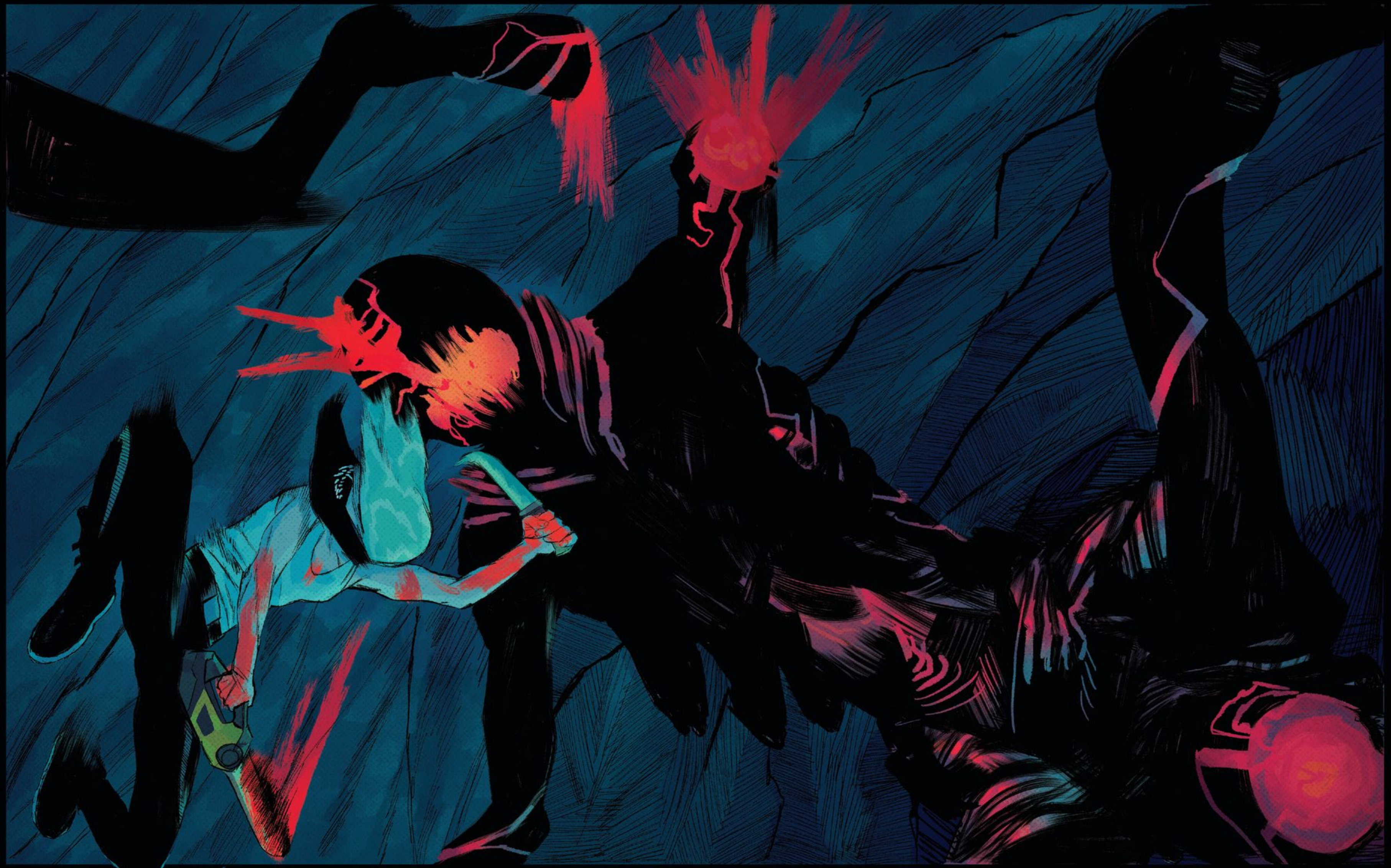
SNNNFF

REARGH

VRRRRR

REARGH

I SWEAR TO GOD I'M GOING TO BURN THAT FUCKING OCTOPUS.



=UNNNGH=

FUCK IT'S COLD.

I'M GOING TO KILL THAT FUCKING KID.

I...

HELP! I NEED *HELP!*

IS THIS... WHO IS THIS...?

MY NAME IS BIAN. THE MONSTER DIDN'T EAT ME.

THAT'S GOOD.

I'M REALLY COLD.

YOU NEED TO GET HIM TO A HOSPITAL, FAST.

HE'S BEEN SHOT.

OKAY, EVERYONE IN THE CAR. WE'RE GOING TO THE HOSPITAL. AND, UH...I'LL TURN THE HEAT ON, OKAY?

OKAY.

I'M...I'M GOING TO PASS OUT NOW, IF THAT'S OKAY.

I MEAN. YEAH. OKAY.

TELL THE OCTOPUS...

I DIDN'T WANT TO DIE...I STILL DON'T WANT TO DIE...

UH... SURE.

TELL ST. MARY'S I'VE GOT THREE COMING IN HOT. THEY'RE STILL ALIVE, BUT I DON'T KNOW FOR HOW MUCH LONGER.

WHAT THE FUCK IS GOING ON HERE...?

KRNCH KRNCH

BZZZZZZZZ BZZZZZZZ

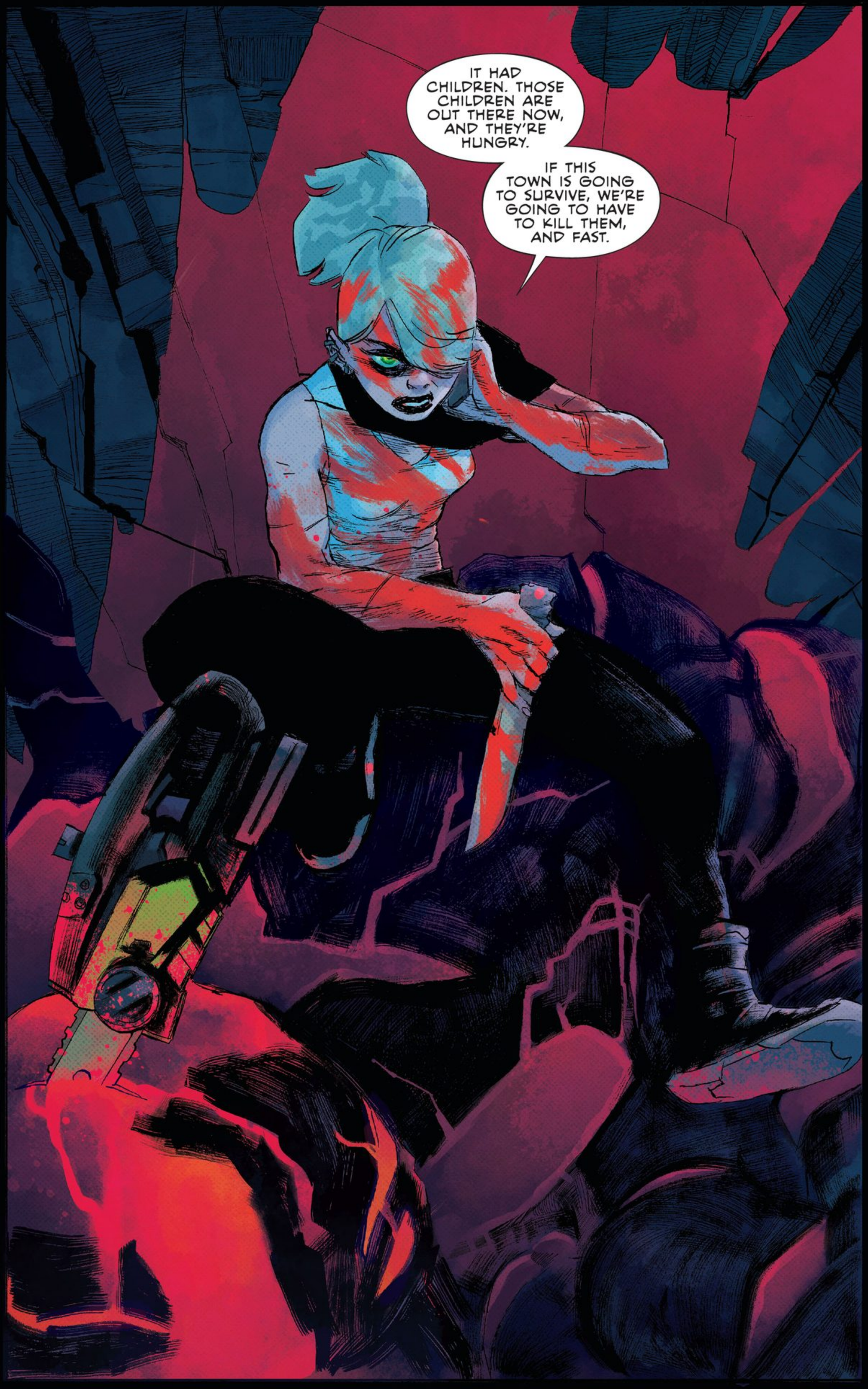
YEAH.

I DID WHAT I HAD TO DO TO SAVE TWO LIVES. I'LL DEAL WITH THE CONSEQUENCES.

NO, LISTEN TO ME. YOU DIDN'T CLASSIFY THIS CORRECTLY. THIS WASN'T A FOOD STASH, IT WAS A ***NEST.***

NO. FUCKING ***LISTEN.***

IT WAS A MOTHER, AARON.


IT HAD CHILDREN. THOSE CHILDREN ARE OUT THERE NOW, AND THEY'RE HUNGRY.
IF THIS TOWN IS GOING TO SURVIVE, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO KILL THEM, AND FAST.

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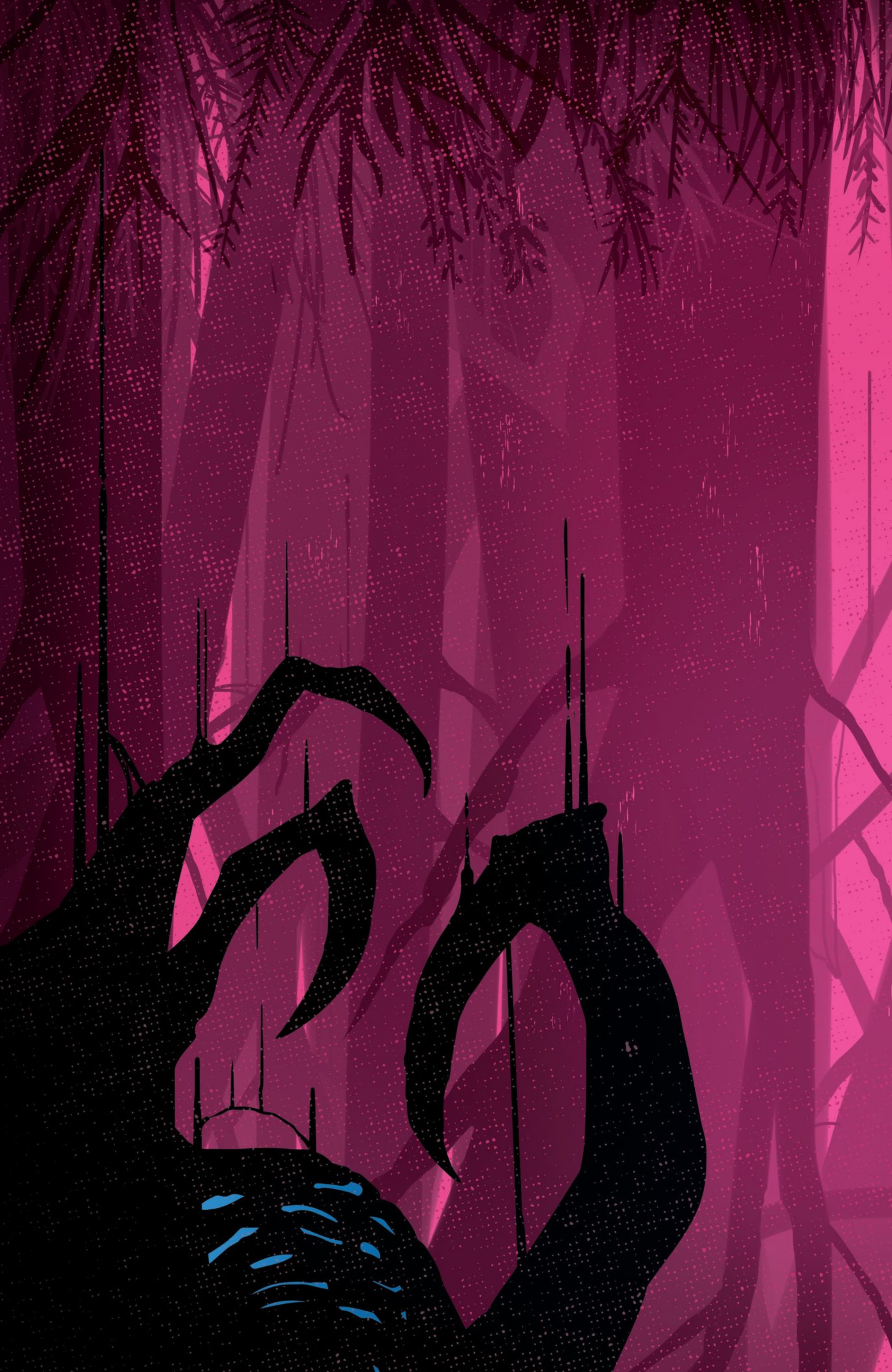

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